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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2717

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ATHENS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0428

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TENNECO SIX

1. ADDIS ABABA, ATHENS AND KHARTOUM PLEASE PASS TO
TENNECO PERSONNEL. OTTAWA PLEASE PASS CANADIAN GOVERNMENT.

2. GRANT WYATT RETURNED TO ASMARA ABOUT 0830 LOCAL TIME
4 JUNE. HE WAS HELD BY VARIOUS SEGMENTS OF ETHIOPIAN
POLICE UNTIL ABOUT NOON BEFORE HE WAS RELEASED. HE WALKED
INTO THE CONSULATE ABOUT 1300 LOCAL WITH WILLIAMS.

3. HE IS FILING THE FOLLOWING REPORT WITH THE ETHIOPIAN
POLICE AT 1530: QUOTE

26 MAY - ARRIVED WITH HELICOPTER CF-QSJ FROM ADDIS.

27 MAY - UPON INSTRUCTIONS FROM COLONEL YESSUWORK, I TOOK
TWO PEOPLE AS GUIDES FROM ASMARA TO A SPOT JUST NORTH OF
GHINDA WHERE WE WERE TO MEET WITH TWO ELF MEMBERS WHO
WERE THEN TO GUIDEME TO WHERE THE TENNECO HOSTAGES WERE
HELD. INSTEAD OF THIS WE WERE MET BY SEVERAL ELF MEMBERS
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WHO WERE IN THE COMPANY OF A NURSE. ALONG WITH THE NURSE

I TOOK TWO ELF MEMBERS TO A SPOT IN THE FLATLANDS WHERE WE PICKED UP TWO SLEEPING BAGS. ONE FOR THE NURSE - ONE FOR ME. FROM THIS SPOT WE TRAVELLED TO A SPOT APPROXIMATELY 50 MILES NORTH OF GHINDA HIGH IN THE MOUNTAINS. WE STAYED IN THIS PLACE FOR 3 NIGHTS.

30 MAY - FROM THE SPOT AFORMENTIONED MYSELF AND 2 ELF MEMBERS FLEW TO A SMALL CLUSTER OF HUTS IN THE LOWLANDS TO THE EAST. HERE WE REFUELED THE HELICOPTER FROM FUEL BROUGHT IN A LANDROVER AND THEN MYSELF, ONE ELF MEMBER AND SHEIK ALUMEIN(?) PROCEEDED TO A SPOT 120 KILOMETERS WEST OF THE PLACE WE HAD LEFT THE NURSE. THE NIGHT WAS SPENT THERE AND THE NEXT MORNING A MEETING TOOK PLACE BETWEEN SEVERAL ELF MEMBERS.

31 MAY - AFTER THE MEETING OF THE ELF MEMBERS THE SAME ELF MEMBER I HAD BROUGHT THERE AND MYSELF RETURNED TO THE SPOT WHERE WE HAD LEFT THE NURSE, LEAVING THE SHEIK BEHIND. THIS SAME DAY I WAS TOLD TO TAKE THE HELICOPTER TO A SPOT ON A MOUNTAIN AND I WOULD BE CONTACTED FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. (I WAS UNDER GUARD, OF COURSE)

01 JUNE - A MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED BY ME FROM THE SAME ELF I HAD CARRIED THE PREVIOUS DAY TO LEAVE THE HELICOPTER AND WALK DOWN THE MOUNTAIN TO TALK WITH HIM. FROM THERE WE PROCEEDED TO WALK FROM THE MOUNTAINS (MYSELF AND 3 ELF MEMBERS) AND CONTINUED WALKING UNTIL I REACHED GHINDA ON THE MORNING OF THE 4 JUNE 1974, WHEREIN I TOOK A BUS TO ASMARA. TWO OF THE ELF MEMBERS HAVING ACCOMPANIED ME AS FAR AS GHINDA. I WAS LOST MOST OF THE TIME DURING THIS TRAVERSE SO AS FAR AS LOCATIONS AND WHERE THE THIRD PERSON OF OUR PARTY DEPARTED I CAN BE OF LITTLE HELP.

UNQUOTE.
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